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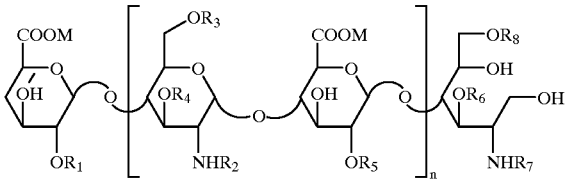

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34. A method of treating diseases linked to the survival and growth of motoneurons this method comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount to prevent or treat such disease of at least one oligosaccharide of formula:

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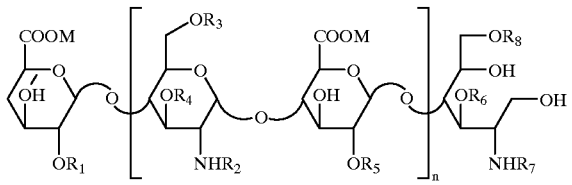

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